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"My God."

"My God!" I cannot sound the deep.
Nor tell the treasures it doth keep;
But precious is that word to me,
"I—I will be a God to thee."
Strange that the high and Loft One
Should stoop from the eternal throne,
And, passing by angelic worth,
Should promise this to child of earth.
Bow down, my soul! Thy God adore!
Fountain of Light and Love and Power
That light, that love that power is mine;
Jehovah whispers, "I am thine."
"And God to thee, and to thy seed!"
The promise covers all my need;
My feet, 'mid nature's wildest shock,
Stand firm on the unshaken rock.
—Rev. D. D. T. McLaughlin.

Waterloo, Iowa.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I trust a few lines from this part of the Lord's vineyard may be a help to others laboring for the good Master. We have had no minister or preaching since the holidays, excepting when Bro. A. L. Garber came to us March 10th. He preached several sermons for us. Our prayer is that he may be ever found true and faithful in the building of God's kingdom. May he be steadfast, unmoveable looking to and receiving from God the power of the Holy Spirit. We love to work for the good Master, and the work is moving right along, for God is interested in us and we in him, trying to do good to all men.

We have three prayer meetings each week. These are a power to reviving and encouraging our dear brethren to love and reach out after the poor lost souls. We were made to rejoice in one of these meetings to see four young men and several young girls stand on their feet and ask an interest in our prayers. The prayer meetings in our city are full of interest. We commenced to have them March 15th. Have had three. Will give an outline of these meetings. 1st, meeting at brother Elijah Showalter's. Bro. A. L. Garber lead this meeting. Scripture read, Matt. 5. Number persons present twenty five. Fourteen testimonies. Three prayers.

2nd, meeting at Bro. J. C. R. Hostetler's. Bro. Elijah Showalter lead the meeting. Scripture read, Eph. 2. Persons in attendance, eleven. Nine testimonies. Five prayers. Sister Watson who just shortly came in with us had the last meeting. The writer lead this meeting. Scripture read, John 1: 35-51. Number present twenty one. Eleven testimonies. Five prayers. One rose and asked us to pray for her. Others are counting the cost. We thank God for that promise, that where two or three come together in his name that he is in their midst and that to bless. We ascribe to God our Lord all the glory and honor. We believe in prayer and also that God is able and willing to answer the penitent prayer. He answered the prayers for Peter's release from the prison and others. Paul asked the saints to pray for him. We beg an interest in your prayers dear reader that we may press forward in this the Lord's work and receive the reward that is eternal in the heaven's for all who hold out faithful until the end. Our prayer is

that the gospel trumpet be heard in all the world.

I praise in meekness and humility my God that I have been received and accepted by the brethren, and find them a God fearing people, willing to present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, and using no other rule, only the commands of our dear Lord. Let us pray without ceasing for the church that she may be dedicated wholly to the service of the Lord, and we his followers be entirely consecrated to God's work, loving the Lord our God with all our hearts, and our neighbors as ourselves. Let us strive to lead men and women to accept this great salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here are a few precious promises. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Rev. 22: 17. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and though shalt be saved. Acts 16: 31. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. 1 Tim. 1: 15. Reader, are you saved? The blood of Jesus Christ (God's Son) cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1: 7. Friend, are your sins washed away? Jesus Christ his own self bore our sins in his own body on the tree. 1 Peter 2: 24. Brother, sister and friend, do you believe this? Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled. Our doors are open, we invite you in with us. Dear reader, ask yourself this question, is my soul saved?

J. C. R. HOSTETLER.

Later.—Thursday evening, March 15, 1888, was in prayer meeting and lead the meeting. Persons in attendance, twenty two. Had four prayers, fifteen testimonies and two rose on the invitation and asked us to pray for them. This is their first start, God help them. Brother and sister Wise came to us today and were with us in our prayer meeting this evening. Our prayer is that they be instruments in God's hand to save many souls in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

J. C. R. H.

Prosperity of the Churches.

I visited the church at Salem, Ind., April 1st, and filled my regular appointments. The road was heavy but the congregations were fair and the interest good. Several of the brethren are on the sick list and a few of them so poorly that they were unable to attend worship. I hope they are better by this time.

In the evening after services I gave a talk to the sisters on the importance of organizing a S. S. C. E. I think the remarks were favorably received and they promised a favorable consideration, and with the aid of our esteemed Bro. B. L. Gordon, will organize an auxiliary society.

On Saturday evening, the 7th, it being our regular appointment, we met with the brethren at Bunker Hill, and the house was crowded with earnest listeners. On Lord's day at half past ten we again came together for preach-

ing, and were especially glad to meet with our esteemed brother, Ote Fisher and wife, and sister Edwards, all from Mexico, Ind. Bro. Fisher and sister Edwards came to the church very recently under the ministrations of Bro. Cober, and I am glad indeed to find them so firmly settled in the faith of the gospel.

At 8 o'clock we came together again for Lord's day school, and had a very interesting session. At the close I again availed myself of the opportunity of presenting to our sisters the advantages and necessity of forming themselves into a society of Christian Endeavor. Again our remarks were kindly received and quite a number of our sisters voted in favor of organizing a society, and several of the brethren promised to become honorary members, and Thursday, in the afternoon, is the day set to form the organization, and ere this is published there will be a strong S. S. C. E. at Bunker Hill, Ind. It is needless to say that our sisters at Roann have organized sometime ago. They have had two meetings, and are constantly increasing in numbers, and find the labor both pleasant and profitable and the result will be a wonderful auxiliary to the church. It will give strength both spiritually, financially and numerically.

In visiting I found that our young brother, Allie Miller, had called on and preached for the Salem, Bunker Hill, and Roann churches, and for his encouragement will say that the people are perfectly taken with his preaching. It was so astonishing that one so young as brother Miller could preach with such wonderful force. Come again Bro. Allie, we welcome you at any time. Young brethren who are strong in the faith and able to expound that faith fearlessly are the kind that the churches need and want. Preaching old Grecian, Roman and English history is not preaching the gospel. It will do for filling, but the main thing is to preach the Word, and that is what Bro. Allie Miller does.

J. W. FITZGERALD.

Roann, Ind.

Edna Mills, Ind.

The work is moving along here with the usual momentum.

On the 15th of April, the Flora church, will be dedicated. The little band at that place have had a long and hard struggle. They have the energy and pluck coupled with the true zeal, which will bring them victory "by and by." Three worthy sisters have united with their number lately.

At Mt. Pleasant the interest is very good. On last Sunday the Sunday School was reorganized. Bro. Isaac Michaels will be the superintendent and Bro. Oliver Orouse assistant. Our esteemed young brother, Addison Michaels has accepted a call from the Brooklyn, Iowa brethren, where he will likely act in the capacity of pastor the coming year. We regret to have him move from our midst, yet the move will undoubtedly be for his good spiritually, so we acquiesce, wishing

God's choicest blessings upon him and his labors.

At Spring Mills the congregations are increasing in size and the interest is very good. The harvest time will soon begin there again.

Edna Mills is growing slowly but surely. Although the death of Bro. William Cripe and Bro. Martin Saylor, lessened our numbers, yet others step in to take their place.

On the 1st of April four were baptized at that place and there are three more candidates. Taking the work in consideration in the main there is no reason to complain and many reasons to rejoice and praise the Lord.

A few weeks ago we enjoyed a visit from our esteemed young brother J. Allie Miller. We appreciated his stay with us very much and regretted when the time came for him to go. Allie occupies a large space in the hearts of the people of this place. With solicitations for the prayers of praying people upon us and our work at this place, I close yours for Christ's sake.

E. L. HILDEBRAND.

April 10, 1888.

Miami Valley Items.

Our meeting at Little York closed Friday evening, the 6th, with five accessions.

The Little York church is another instance of perseverance and hard work.

Over two years ago we tried to do some mission work north of Dayton. In fact we did it, but it looked as if there was going to be no permanent good accomplished.

After many vicissitudes we centered on Little York, a village 8 miles north of Dayton.

A hall was rented and seated, in which we have held the fort for over a year.

A thriving Sunday school under the leadership of Bro. V. E. Wampler, has been the means of doing much good.

Although we have had preaching there regularly once a month, yet to the Sunday school must credit be given for the good accomplished there.

On the last evening of our meeting four ladies, who have been taking an active part in the Sunday school, united with the church.

The Editorial on Proper Home Mission work was solid. To organize a church, or gather a few members up in out of the way places, and then leave them uncared for is really useless.

A good general as he conquers new territory will leave it well cared for and protected. This mode of operation has been the means of adding several organizations to the Brotherhood in the Miami Valley.

We will not hold a protracted meeting at Pleasant Hill this spring. The busy season is on us, and I am nearly tired out.

On our next visit to Pleasant Hill we will commence meeting on Thursday evening, May 3rd, and we will have meetings over Sunday. It is probable that we

may have a communion service on Saturday evening.

The EVANGELIST No. 15, has just arrived, and I see that Bro. Jonas Keim and sister Mattice has covenanted to sail the voyage of life together. May the Lord send his choicest blessings.

The next event in the Brethren church of this locality, will be the Sunday school convention at Fairview. We will make some effort to obtain reduced railroad fare from Dayton.

On Sunday, the 22nd, in response to the invitation of the Brethren, I expect to be at the dedication of the new church at Winchester.

EDWARD MASON.

Campbell, Mich.

A few lines from us may not be out of place perhaps. We are still trying to serve the Lord. Five precious souls came out on the Lord's side recently. We are all in peace and union, and the Lord is blessing us largely.

On the last Tuesday in March we had our first council meeting, and a good meeting it was. It reminded me of years ago, when we used to have such peaceable council meeting. A good deal of business was done and not a hurtful word or hard feeling existed, but peace and love was the prevailing element. We decided to have a communion on the 16th day of June of which I will have more to say by and by.

On Sunday the 8th of April, we reorganized our Sabbath school. As usual there was a large turn out—one hundred and thirty four being present. We made choice of a competent corps of officers (except one) to take charge of the school, the coming summer. Perfect union prevailed. Last summer our average attendance was 106, and we have a fair prospect for a better one still. What a blessed means of grace a good Sunday School is.

Our Bible class and prayer meetings are prospering nicely, we meet every Thursday evening at our dwellings. We appreciate the weekly visits of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, carrying with it the glorious news and the many conversions of sinners.

J. G. WINEY.

April 9th, 1888.

Lathrop, Cal.

A few days ago I baptized sister Sadie, daughter of Eld. J. W. Beer, at Pasadena, in the town of the Disciple church. This I think is the first baptism performed by any branch of the Dunkard church in Pasadena.

Leaving home on a business trip I stopped over and am holding a few meetings for the Lathrop church. The interest and congregations are growing with each meeting, and it now looks as though we would have a prosperous revival could I remain ten or fifteen days longer.

S. H. BASHOR.

April 5, 1888.

One who is contented with what he has done will never become famous for what he will do. He has lain down to die.—Bovee.